IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE re application of: Blasingame et al.) Art Unit 10/620,512 Serial No.: 2874 Filed: July 16, 2003 COUPLER HAVING REDUCTION OF For: REFLECTIONS TO LIGHT SOURCE Confirmation No.: 8497 Customer No.: 022913 Examiner: Akm E. Ullah

AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 2233-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2005 (the "Office Action"). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.